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The vast majority of Indian parents compare their children to other children. It's very simple to tell us not to compare. But our parents are growing us with every struggles and every ounce of their energy. Their expectations are perfectly reasonable. They have every right to demand it of us.
Those adult children will have parental responsibilities and will expect the same, correct? Nothing has changed.
Some of these doubts stem from my childhood. I'm not sure if I'm right or wrong, but these questions arise in me as a child. It might be different if I were a parent.

1) What do our parents truly want from us?
2) What is it that makes us perfect children?
3) What if we (children) compare our parents to other parents?

What do our parents truly desire from us? Some parents Want their children to be settled in life, while others want them to achieve something, while still others want their children to do well in school, and still others want their children to care for them in the future; but every parent wants their child to be wealthy and healthy.
Being a human can have a variety of mental health consequences for others, but no parent can be cruel to their child. Whatever parents do is to keep their children safe. No parent can truly despise their child. They eventually fall in love with their child.
They always expect us to do well in school, to be consistent, to be in good relationships, and, finally, to be happy with grandchildren.

Are we truly content with our lives as children? Do we really expect to live like this? They had children for their own amusement and the advancement of their generation, didn't they? Parents always emphasise that the challenges they faced in their lives helped shape us, and we, too, face challenges at various stages of our lives.
When we compare their childhood to ours, it appears that we have a more luxurious life than they do. This could be correct. Isn't it true that our children will be more comfortable than we are? Even the next generation is not required. We are dealing with a lot more than our sibling generation.

Who are the ideal children? The child who obeys their parents, studies well, makes more money, marries the child of their parents' choice, and is completely satisfied with their life. Is this correct? But everyone understands that no one is perfect and that no one can be perfect in everything. There are also no perfect parents or children. But patents accept kids and kids accept parents?
As a result, life becomes a battle for perfection. Is this the Seattle of life, earning money, having a big house, going on foreign trips? Our lives cannot be defined by our earnings, right? Is it true that money defines our lives? I believe that living a happy and settled life makes a significant difference.

If we focus on savouring life, we may miss out on so much small happiness and making memories in life. When we are happy, we are certain that we cannot be content in life. Only a few people are able to do both. We can study, follow, or be inspired by anyone's life accomplishments, but it's all nonsense. Being inspired by others is completely by chance. Our lives and their lives are diametrically opposed. Everyone has a unique life story, and focusing on life's formula will not make life sense. One must create their own life, formula, and theory. It should be ours whether we succeed or fail. We will receive full credit.

There are no barriers to earning money, no barriers to success, and no barriers to growth. So, what about the average person who accomplishes less in life? Nobody can get a perfect score as 100 or be crowned king. However, everyone has their own place in life. They could be begger or billionaires. As a result, parents must accept their children as they are. They, too, have no other options!!!

What if children compare their parents' results to those of other parents? Most Indian parents evaluate their children's grades, earnings, and social standing. Similarly, if kids compare their parents to other parents, why can't parents be doctors? Why are they not billionaires? Yes, I agree that we should inquire about what other parents give their children. But, in my opinion, no child will ever compare their parents' status, earnings, or grades to those of other parents. We also acknowledge that we compare parents' behaviour and character to other parents, but not their earnings. Because we know how much our parents make. We won't question our parents about why they can't be billgats, but every parent expects us to get perfect grades. We expect the same thing if we become parents.

So the main thing to accept here is that either parents or children must recognise the importance of the other. Parents should be aware of their children's abilities, but this takes time. Children should have faith in their parents regardless of whether they succeed or fail; "whatever happens, my parents will be there for me" that trust must be given. The same children should be aware of their obligations and the fact that they will soon be parents. What they gave to their parents, their children will give to them. It all depends on the outcome of life. Nobody has authority over anyone's life. Life is full of surprises, so be prepared for anything.

Finally, whether their children are wealthy or not, whether they are able or disabled, no love can compare to the love of their parents. Children, on the other hand, may be a little different. Children will always love their parents, but parents' love for children is greater than children's love for parents. However, this does not imply that they should be involved in every aspect of their children's lives. Let us fall and grow. Only an individual understands how their life should be. Nothing can be said and nothing can be explained (might be a generation gap).